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OF METABOTROPIC GLUTAMATE RECEPTOR-5

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Examiner:

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the restriction requirement dated February 21, 2007 in the referenced United States patent application. The Examiner requires the Applicants to elect a single invention, and has very helpfully proposed seven *exemplary* inventions (Groups I–VII).

Subject to the traversal contained in the remarks provided below, Applicants provisionally elect the following invention:

Claims 1-8 drawn to compounds represented by Formula I wherein the variables  $A^1$ ,  $A^2$ ,  $A^3$ ,  $A^4$  and  $A^5$  are defined such that central ring is any 1,2,3- triazol, A is  $C_{0-4}$ alkyl, B is  $C_{0-4}$ alkyl, X is heteroaryl, Y is aryl, and the remaining variables (W, Z, and  $R^1$  through  $R^{11}$ ) are as currently defined, and pharmaceutical compositions comprising said compound.

The undersigned contacted the Examiner by telephone on February 28, 2007 and suggested the invention outlined above. The Examiner agreed that the invention was searchable without undue burden and therefore was acceptable.

This election is made with traverse because it is believed there is sufficient structural similarity among the various compounds encompassed in claims 1-8 to present and examine this subject matter in a single application. Given the commonality of the subject matter of claims 1-8 examination of all presented claims does not place a serious search burden upon the Examiner.

If there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this election, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution of this case.

Attorney for Applicants can be reached at the telephone number and address below.

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